

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 2-8, 12, 14-27, 29-32 and 37-38 are pending in this application. Claims 34-36 have been canceled. Claims 2-8, 12, 14-27, 29-32 and 37-38 have been indicated as allowable. No claims have been added or amended.

Rejections under 35 USC §102(b) and/or §103(a)

The Examiner rejects claims 34-36 as anticipated by or obvious over JP '695. Applicants traverse the rejection and respectfully request the withdrawal thereof.

Applicants cancel claims 34-36; thus, the rejection should be withdrawn as moot.

The Examiner also rejects claims 34-36 as anticipated by or obvious over Misaizu et al. USP 5,068,295 (Misaizu '295). Applicants traverse the rejection and respectfully request the withdrawal thereof.

Applicants cancel claims 34-36; thus, the rejection should be withdrawn as moot.

Conclusion

As Applicants have addressed and overcome all rejections in

the Office Action by canceling claims 34-36, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn and that the remaining claims be allowed.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Kecia Reynolds (Reg. No. 47,021) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.


If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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